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Dear Friend,

The photos that I just received from Burundi are incredible! In our May newsletter, I shared about the political turmoil in Burundi, and that shoe distributions had to be postponed until things calmed down. Thankfully, distributions have now begun and I want to share these two photos, as they powerfully display both the physical and spiritual needs that are being met. Look at this sweet boy and the plastic bags that cover his feet. You can imagine how he lit up with joy, as he received his first pair of shoes and his own Gospel booklet! As I saw the second photo, I had to read the reports to understand what was happening. Rev. Evariste shares, "Here our field missionary, Manasse, was burning witchcraft after this woman had been delivered in Jesus' name." To God be the glory! These are the types of things that happen at shoe distributions, as Jesus is lifted high and the curse of darkness is broken.



We covet your prayers, as we begin our journey to Tanzania with our mission team on Thursday. I have such anticipation for this trip, as we make ourselves

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## Mission Trip Invite - Tanzania 2016

There are still a few spots left on our mission trip to Tanzania, which will take place in May of 2016. This team will visit villages, put shoes on feet, and share the love of Jesus! For more details about this mission to Tanzania, click [HERE](#). If you're interested in this trip, please contact Brittney immediately at [Bciciora@SolesForJesus.org](mailto:Bciciora@SolesForJesus.org) to request an application. We are excited for what God has in store and we're praying for the Lord to build this team! To view a photo album from our last mission trip to Zambia, click [HERE](#).



available for all that the Lord has in store. A few weeks after we return, our annual luncheon will be upon us. I am thrilled to reveal the big announcement (below) that I referred to last month. Words can't express how blessed you will be to hear Rev. Chitapa share at our luncheon. I truly hope that you'll be able to join us, as we celebrate another year of what the Lord has done!

Sincerely in Christ,  
Diane Studer  
SFJ Founder/Director

## 6th Annual Fashion Show Luncheon & Auction: November 14, 2015!

Event tables and tickets are still for sale for the Luncheon & Fashion Show but they are limited so act fast! Further details will be emailed to you after you register, including check-in time at 10:45am. For more information, including details on this year's new venue, the Italian Conference Center, click [HERE](#).



We are thrilled to share that our partner from Zimbabwe will be speaking at our luncheon! Rev. Cleopas Chitapa is the EHC Regional Director in Africa, providing leadership to 25 countries. Cleopas was born and raised in a family that was deeply involved in witchcraft, until he miraculously found Jesus in 1982. We thank the Lord that Cleopas is able to come to Milwaukee to share with all of us first-hand the impact that SFJ is making across Africa. You will love his heart, and you don't want to miss this!



We're also excited to share that Tom Murray will be our emcee for this year's event. You might recognize Tom as an anchor/reporter for Today's TMJ4 until recently. He has been a great supporter of SFJ, hosting us at TMJ4-TV to share about our events on live television. Most



Also, we are in the process of packing shoes for this trip. We're in need of children's sizes, 4T through 10T. If you have shoes that you would like to donate for Tanzania, please drop them off at SFJ by Friday, October 16th. We greatly appreciate your generosity!

## A Special Request

Soles For Jesus is in need of a color, laser printer. If you or someone you know would be interested in donating a printer or making a donation towards a new one, please give us a call! We would be grateful for a printer with these specifications:

- Preferably Brother or HP
- Wireless & ethernet (wired) connectivity
- Prints at least 18-20 color pages per minute

Thank you for your help in making things run smoothly at SFJ!

## Shipment to Guinea

8,000 pairs of shoes have arrived in Guinea! This is the first time that we have sent shoes to this nation. Please pray for Maxime, and his ministry team, as they begin shoe distributions in the coming weeks. Pray, also, that these shoes will provide opportunities for the Gospel to be heard and that needs will be met. View pictures of this shipment [HERE](#).



*Our EHC partners, unloading the shoes from the shipping container in Guinea.*

## Distributions in Tanzania

Please join us in prayer, as our mission team travels to Tanzania on Thursday! We are looking forward to distributing shoes and sharing the love of Jesus in villages and in several ministries while

importantly, Tom shares our love for Jesus and we are thrilled to have him as a special part of our day.

**Event Sponsorship:** Gold and Silver Sponsorship opportunities are still available for this year's event. As a Sponsor, your name or business will be recognized through printed material, social media, company signage and verbally honored at our event. You'll also receive one stage-side table, with seating for ten guests, to enjoy lunch. If you're interested, please contact Diane Studer at [Dstuder@SolesForJesus.org](mailto:Dstuder@SolesForJesus.org) for more information.

**Auction items:** We are extremely grateful for those who have donated items to our silent auction! There is still time to donate. Fun packages like weekend get-aways and vacations, gift baskets, sports tickets and suites are all great items for guests to bid on. We also appreciate creative ideas for services, items or 'experiences' (ie: boat tours or gourmet dinners) as donations. Your business and item will be listed in our fashion show event program and we will acknowledge your tax-deductible donation after the event for 2015 tax purposes. If you are able to donate, please contact Brittney at [Bciciora@SolesForJesus.org](mailto:Bciciora@SolesForJesus.org). Thank you in advance for your generous support!

A special thanks to our sponsors, including our Gold Sponsor, Lannon Stone Products. Your support helps make this event a success! Thank you!

## Volunteers of the Month

We are excited to honor the Baker Family, as our Volunteers of the Month! Jill first heard about Soles For Jesus through her kid's school, Brookfield Christian School, a SFJ Collection Site. Soon after hearing about the ministry, they brought the whole family to serve at a SOS (Sort and Organize Shoes) Event. She shared that it was great to be able to serve together as a family. "It's important to model serving to our kids. We need to show them that making the time to serve others is just as important as all of our other activities. Our family has been blessed in many ways, and giving our time is just a small thing we can do. We love that each pair of shoes we touch will impact a life; that is really awesome!" Chris and Jill have shared their experience with others and that has started a ripple effect of new faces at SFJ. Bakers, we appreciate your support and thank you for helping us impact lives in Africa!

we visit this nation. Please pray for God's favor and good health amongst our team, our partner, Rev. Yohana, and his ministry team. We pray that many will experience Jesus and turn to Him. We're excited to share pictures and stories with you when we return, and also via social media. View pictures of this shipment [HERE](#).



## Distributions in Burundi

Shoe distributions are going well in Burundi! Rev. Evariste, our EHC ministry partner, shares a testimony from Bosco, "I don't know what words I can use to describe what you did for us, only God knows what you deserve. My feet and the feet of my parents have been washed, something I haven't done for them. What a good shepherd you are! The earth needs more leaders like you. Keep up the great work!" Please pray that the Gospel continues to be heard and that people turn their lives over to Christ. View pictures of the shipment [HERE](#).



*Our EHC partner, Rev. Evariste, measuring a man's feet.*



Jill, Chris, Emily, and Ben Baker, our Volunteers of the Month!

## Shoe Drives - Special Thanks!

**Cross Trainers Academy-** Thank you, Cross Trainers Academy, for your involvement in SFJ and for inviting Diane to share at your chapel services this month. She had a great time sharing about Africa and the process of shipping shoes. We are huge fans of what the Lord is doing at CTA and in Milwaukee! Please keep these students and the faculty in your prayers.



Diane speaking to the students, and spending some time with Principal Gruennert after chapel.

**Appleton Alliance Church and Xcel Sports-** We are grateful for Appleton Alliance Church and Xcel Sports for hosting their third shoe drive with SFJ! Shoe drive organizer, Aimee Vechart, shares, "Each year that we have hosted the drive, we have seen more and more people give generously. It has been exciting to see

## Distributions in Botswana

Shoe distributions have taken place in the villages of Thswaane and Gopong. Over two thousand people received shoes and heard the Gospel message of Jesus Christ. We praise God for the hundreds of people who declared Jesus as their Saviour! Please pray for Tanga and for his ministry team as they continue distributions. Pray for wisdom and guidance as they travel village to village. View pictures of this shipment [HERE](#).



People praising God in Thswaane Village.

## Distributions in Liberia

Thousands of people have come to know Christ at shoe distributions in Liberia! Amen! Sydney shares, "People could not believe that we drove for almost a day to give them shoes and share the love of God. After they received the shoes, the entire village erupted into festivity. The young and old, men and women, were dancing, jumping, clapping, and singing at the top of their voices, thanking God for providing for them!" Please pray that future distributions continue to be a celebration like this. Pray also that the love of Christ will be shown to each individual who receives a pair of shoes. View pictures of this shipment [HERE](#).

people latch onto the idea of helping others who can't afford even the most basic needs." They have delivered over one-thousand pairs of shoes and they're still collecting! They will also be selling wreaths this holiday season, and a portion of the proceeds will be donated to SFJ for shipping funds. This is fantastic! Thank you for going over and beyond to help our friends in Africa.



*Aimee, Dana, and Shawn Marie delivering shoes to SFJ.*

**The Northwoods Vineyard Church-** We are thankful for the support of Northwoods Vineyard Church for hosting a shoe drive. A special thanks to Kayla Stelling for organizing this collection at her church and place of employment, Packaging Corp. of America. Together, they collected around 500 pairs of shoes, and Northwoods Vineyard Church donated \$1 per pair as well! Thank you for being a great blessing!



*Kayla and her dad delivering a truck full of shoes.*

**Cedar Ridge Church-** These lovely ladies, Ginger and Haley, drove several hours from Minnesota to deliver over 500 pairs of new TOMS shoes. Thank you, Cedar Ridge Church, for thinking of Soles For Jesus with your donation! The pink and sparkly shoes will bring great joy to many girls in Africa.



*People in Lofa County with their new shoes.*

## Distributions in Guinea-Bissau

The pictures we have received from Guinea-Bissau will put a smile on your face! Our EHC ministry partner, Julio, shared that the village of Mansaba Mansaine has some of the greatest need that he has ever seen. Julio said that people were overwhelmed with joy to hear that he was bringing shoes for their feet. They begged Julio to visit again and to remember them in their prayers. Please pray for physical and spiritual needs to continue to be met in Mansaba Mansaine, and for more lives to be brought into His Kingdom through these shoe distributions. View pictures of this shipment [HERE](#).



*Hearts responding to Jesus in Mansaba Mansaine village.*

## New SFJ State Representative!

We are thrilled to welcome the newest member of our State Rep team, Manda Mosoiu!



*Haley and Ginger with the TOMS shoes they donated.*

## Volunteer Opportunities

**SOS Events (Sort & Organize Shoes)** Join us as we gather at the Milwaukee, WI warehouse to prepare shoes for shipment to Africa! New volunteers are always welcome and we will have a brief orientation before each event. To set-up a time to come and volunteer, please contact Brittney at [Bciora@SolesForJesus.org](mailto:Bciora@SolesForJesus.org) or call her at [414-365-1392](tel:414-365-1392).



*We enjoyed serving with the women of Waukesha First Assembly of God Church this month!*

### October

- Saturday, October 3, 9-12pm-FULL
- Thursday, October 15, 6-8pm-FULL
- Saturday, October 17, 9-11am
- Saturday, October 24, 9-11am-FULL
- Tuesday, October 27, 9:30-11:30am
- Saturday, October 31, 9-11am-FULL

Manda lives in Grandville, Michigan with her husband Alex, and their four sons, Trae, Brant, Elijah, and Gabriel. Manda enjoys being active with the couples' and kids' ministries at her church, and in her free time she likes to read, garden, and spend time with her family. In 2013, she joined SFJ for a mission trip to Mozambique. This was a trip that helped ignite her love for Africa.

Q. Why did you feel compelled to be a State Representative?

A. I believe in what Soles For Jesus is doing and I want to spread the word about it here in Michigan. I believe God has called me to step out of my comfort zone, and to share His love with children in Africa through the proclamation and demonstration of the Gospel.

We are so happy to have you on our SFJ Team, Manda!



*Manda dancing with a woman in Mozambique.*

## Meet one of our Partners



Meet our Every Home For Christ ministry partner in Botswana, Tanga Chawora. Tanga says it's incredible to see the opportunities that open up when sharing the Gospel message of Jesus through the gift of shoes. People in the villages that Tanga and his ministry

team have visited are experiencing Jesus for the first time. Praise God! Tanga shares a testimony from the Chief of Thswaane, "We haven't experienced such an act of mercy in the entire history of this village. We will never forget these

## November

Monday, November 2, 9-11am  
Saturday, November 7, 9-11am  
Thursday, November 12, 6-8pm  
Thursday, November 19, 6-8pm  
Friday, November 20, 10-12pm  
Saturday, November 21, 9-11am-FULL  
Tuesday, November 24, 12-2pm

**\*You can choose your own date to serve!  
To learn more about this, read below.**

**"Business Hours" SOS:** Volunteers are welcome to come during weekdays to sort shoes (Mon-Fri, 9am-4pm). Come and sort shoes when it fits your schedule. You can sort for an hour or a day - it's entirely up to you. Also, feel free to bring friends! Training will be provided, and SFJ staff will always be available to provide support. For more details about this opportunity, please contact Mark Ellefson at [Mellefson@SolesForJesus.org](mailto:Mellefson@SolesForJesus.org) or [414-365-1392](tel:414-365-1392), and please let us know 48 hours in advance that you're coming.

**SOS Group Event:** Schedule a special date to host your group! Are you a part of a sports team, small group, or club in your work, school, church, or community? Volunteering together to organize and pack shoes for Africa is a rewarding, 2 hour, team building opportunity for youth and adults (12+ years). Please contact Brittney, our SFJ Office Manager, at [Bciora@SolesForJesus.org](mailto:Bciora@SolesForJesus.org) or call her at [414-365-1392](tel:414-365-1392) to set up your volunteer group.

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## Use Your Credit Rewards Points to Benefit SFJ!

Did you know that most major Credit Card companies allow you to use your reward points to donate to the charity of your choice? Now your everyday purchases can help reach even more people with shoes and the Gospel and it won't cost a dime. Log into your account or call your Credit Card provider to see how easy it is to make a donation.

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## Your Donation Impacts Lives!

Or  
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gifts of shoes and we thank you for showing many the way to salvation."

This year, Tanga's wife, Fungai, experienced the tragedy of having a stillborn. Tanga asks for prayer as they grieve the loss of their baby. Please pray for comfort and strength, and for God to bless his wife's womb as they desire to start a family. Pray also for unity and wisdom amongst their ministry team, as they share the Gospel message in Botswana.

## Thank you for the Shoes Received this Month!

Annalies Richmond, WI  
Anytime Fitness, WI  
Appleton Alliance Church, WI  
Ashley Corbin, WI  
Bob & Nancy Sherwood, WI  
Brookfield Christian School, WI  
Cargo Services, IN  
Cedar Ridge Church, WI  
Cheryl Giesege, WI  
Christ Church, WI  
Divine Consign, WI  
First Christian Church, IN  
First UMC, IN  
Ginger Olson, MN  
Grace Fellowship Church, IN  
Grace Lutheran School, WI  
Green Bay Elite, WI  
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Jennifer Link, WI  
Jill Koepke, WI  
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